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A copy of the pending U.S. application is not required, per 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii). However, the Examiner is requested to consider the disclosure of such application as well as the prior art of record therein.

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